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TAGS: UNGA, 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - YOUR MEETING WITH UNGA
PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 10:45 AM

FOR S/S - HOLD FOR WOODS

1. PARTICIPANTS:

US: THE SECRETARY, AMB. MOYNIHAN
AMBASSADOR BUFFUM (NOTETAKER)
INTERPRETER

UN: FOREIGN MINISTER ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA, PRESIDENT OF
THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2. SETTING:

THIS IS A 45-MINUTE COURTESY CALL BEFORE YOUR
SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. YOU
LAST MET BOUTEFLIKA DECEMBER 21, 1974. BOUTEFLIKA'S
TENURE AS GA PRESIDENT HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY MARKED
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BIAS AGAINST THE US AND THE REST OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

BECAUSE OF ALGERIA'S ASSUMED ROLE AS A LEADER OF THE LDC'S

AND HIS OWN PERSONALITY, BOUTEFLIKA CAN BE EXPECTED TO DISPLAY THE SAME ATTITUDES DURING THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. THE MEETING GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO EMPHASIZE TO BOUTEFLIKA OUR HOPE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE INTERACTION AMONG ALL GROUPS AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT BOUTEFLIKA'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL SUPPORT IS WANING. OUR EMBASSY AT ALGIERS, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING CONSIDERABLE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THEM, SUGGESTS THEY BE TREATED WITH RESERVE.

4. WE ARE NOT INCLUDING MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST SINCE YOU WILL SEE HIM LATER WHEN BILATERAL MATTERS CAN BE RAISED. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE INTERESTED IN YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE LATEST ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST TALKS.

5. TALKING POINTS:

-- WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE BROAD AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT IT SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION AND MOVE TOWARDS CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS ENTAILING SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO BOTH GROUPS.

-- WE BELIEVE THE SPECIAL SESSION CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS IF IT CONCENTRATES ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE AREAS RATHER THAN ON THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE IS LESS PROSPECT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE PRESENT TIME.

-- THE PROPOSALS WHICH WE ARE PRESENTING AT THE SPECIAL SESSION REPRESENT A RESPONSE TO MANY OF THE NEEDS WHICH THE LDC'S HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING STRONGLY AND WE BELIEVE THEY WILL IMPROVE PROSPECTS FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION.

-- THESE PROPOSALS WILL COVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
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